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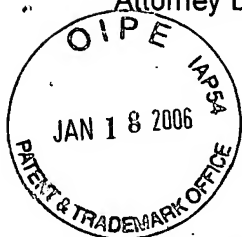
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In response to the Office Action mailed on **October 19, 2005**, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

**REMARKS**

Present Status of Application

Claims 1, 3-9, 26 and 27 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over APAF in view of Maex et al (US 6,323,555). Claim 25 is finally ejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over APAF in view of Maex et al and Hedrick et al (US Pub. 2004/0207084).

Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-9, 25-27 are clearly in condition for allowance, as will be discussed in further detail herein below. The remarks of the instant response are provided to further clarify and distinguish Applicant's invention over the prior art relied upon by the Examiner in the Final Office Action.